Fiscal Year 2013 Performance Report for the Cooperative Agreement between the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission

Recipient: Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission FWS Agreement Number: F13AC00033 Reporting Period: October 1, 1012-September 30, 2013

Specific Objectives:

Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) staff will assist Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) staff in addressing objectives outlined in the 2013 Cooperative Agreement between the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the IDFG. A performance report addressing the status of the specified tasks in the Cooperative Agreement will be submitted to the USFWS Lower Snake River Compensation Plan office in Boise, ID by December 31, 2013.

In addition to tasks specified in the 2013 Cooperative Agreement between the USFWS and IDFG mentioned above, the following tasks will be completed by PSMFC staff:

Objective 1. Assist IDFG staff in estimating the age composition of natural-origin Chinook salmon and steelhead at Lower Granite Dam.

Task 1.1 Mount, read and determine the age of natural-origin spring/summer Chinook salmon and steelhead scales collected in fall of 2012 and the spring/summer of 2013.

During the spawn year 2013 sampling at Lower Granite dam, 4,457 unmarked/untagged steelhead were sampled and 2,523 scale samples were analyzed.

In addition, 3,307 natural Chinook scale samples were collected and 2,204 scale samples were analyzed.

Task 1.2 Validate the accuracy of the scale aging technique by using known age fish from PIT tagged Chinook and steelhead.

Readers accurately determined the ocean age of 96.5% (82 Of 85) of the scale samples from known ocean-age PIT-tagged wild steelhead.

Readers accurately determined the ocean age of 97.9% (93 Of 95) of the scale samples from known ocean-age PIT-tagged wild Chinook.